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THE PRIME MINISTER & PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
ONTARIO

TORONTO, October 18th, 1917.

My dear Sir Robert:-

I have your letter of the 15th inst., with reference to an appeal to the youth of the country in connection with University work. I have not quite clearly in my mind the nature of appeal that you feel should be made. You understand the situation fully and appreciate the attitude of mind of the students and the call that would be most likely to be effective and I would be glad if you would let me have a draft of the character of an appeal that you think would be of greatest service in the object you have in mind and I will be glad to give it further consideration.

Yours sincerely,

H. A. Mecredy

Sir Robert Falconer,
University of Toronto,
TORONTO, Ontario.

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October 22nd, 1917

Dear Sir William:

I am sending you a memorandum covering the ideas which run in my mind with regard to some appeal that possibly might be made to induce the youth of the country to enter the Universities now that the Military Service Act is passed.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

Hon. Sir William Pearst, K.C.M.G.,
Premier of Ontario.

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OFFICE OF
THE PRIME MINISTER & PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
ONTARIO

TORONTO, October 27th, 1917.

My dear Sir Robert:-

In further reference to your letter of the 22nd inst., I beg to enclose you herewith appeal to the young men of Ontario, signed by me, along the lines suggested by you, and you are at liberty to make any use of this appeal you think will help in accomplishing what you have in mind.

Yours truly,

E. C. Drury

Sir Robert Falconer,
University of Toronto,
TORONTO, Ontario.

In view of the uncertainty as to the end of the war it is essential to conserve and use to the best possible advantage all rrsources of the country both human and material. When peace comes the struggle will not cease. Wasted lands must be restored and the economic loss which the world will have suffered must be made up. Science will be called upon to reinforce industr to create the most favourable conditions for human life and as far as possible to rehabilitate the world. There will be a great demand for leaders in every department of science, medical and applied, and for the other professions: among them teachers in school and college: for we must have educated people if we are not to fall behind in the race. War has already cut off a large number of the best of those who were looking forward to such work, and as the conflict continues their number will greatly increase. It is therefore of the utmost importance that the young men and young women of the Province who are now in the schools and who are preparing to enter the universities should show their patriotic spirit by using every diligence in their work, and that the young men should enter the universities, begin their career whether in the Arts course or the professions so that when the call for military service comes to them at the age of twenty they will have completed satisfactorily a portion of their university training. When they return as we hope they will after their active service they will then be able to resume, with the least possible loss of time and energy, their professional or academic career where they dropped it.

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OFFICE OF
THE PRIME MINISTER & PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
ONTARIO

TO THE YOUNG MEN AND YOUNG WOMEN OF ONTARIO:-

In view of the uncertainty as to the end of the war it is essential to conserve and use to the best possible advantage all resources of the country both human and material. When peace comes the struggle for existence will not cease. Wasted lands must be restored and the economic loss which the world will have suffered must be made up. Science will be called upon to reinforce industry, to create the most favourable conditions for human life, and as far as possible to rehabilitate the world. There will be a great demand for leaders in every department of science, medical and applied, and in the other professions, including teachers in school and college; for we must have educated people if we are not to fall behind in the race. War has already cut off a large number of the best of those who were looking forward to such work, and as the conflict continues the number will greatly increase. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that the young men and young women of the Province who are now in the schools and who are preparing to enter the universities should show their patriotic spirit by using every diligence in their work, and that the young men should enter the universities, begin their career, whether in the Arts course or the professions, so that when the call for military service comes to them at the age of twenty,

if such a call is then necessary, they will have completed satisfactorily a portion of their university training. When they return, as I hope they will, after their active service they will then be able to resume, with the least possible loss of time and energy, their professional or academic career where they dropped it.

Sincerely yours,

H. A. Hearst

Prime Minister of Ontario

TORONTO, October 24th, 1917.

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October 29th, 1917

Dear Sir William:

Please accept my best thanks for your letter enclosing the appeal which you have been good enough to draw up for the young men and women of Ontario. I am sure that it will carry very great influence and that it will be of vast good to the Province as a whole. I have been wondering whether the best way to accomplish the object of the appeal would not be to have it circulated by the Department of Education in the Schools of the Province. I shall of course be glad to have it announced to the University, but I should think that it would be of very much greater effect if it came directly from you through the machinery of the Education Department than if I were to send it to the press with your authorisation. Awaiting your decision in this matter, I am, with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

President.

Hon. Sir William Pearson, K.C.M.G.,

Premier of Ontario.

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OFFICE OF
THE PRIME MINISTER & PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
ONTARIO

TORONTO, October 30th, 1917.

My dear Sir Robert,-

I have your letter of the 29th inst., and will be glad to request the Department of Education to circulate the appeal in the schools of the Province.

Yours truly,

A. H. Hearst

Sir Robert Falconer,
President,
Toronto University,
TORONTO, Ontario.

TO THE YOUNG MEN AND YOUNG WOMEN OF ONTARIO :

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after their active service they will have to talk to resume, with the least possible loss of time and energy, their professional or academic career where they dropped it.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) J. E. Pepper

Trade Minister of Ontario.

Toronto, November 4th, 1917.

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OFFICE OF
THE PRIME MINISTER & PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
ONTARIO

Toronto, November 12th, 1917.

My dear Sir Robert,-

Enclosed please find copy of letter from a constituent of mine, now Overseas, with reference to his daughter, Vera Sargeant, who is rooming at 362 Huron Street. You will note that he is particularly anxious to get her into the Girls' Residence and that a fatherly eye should be kept over her.

I would be very glad indeed, if it is possible to arrange, to have Captain Sargeant's wishes carried out. If you cannot find a place for her in the Girls' Residence, is there anyone you know of to whom I could apply in connection with suitable homes for girls attending the University? I know the home conditions of this young girl and she has never before seen much of the world and I can appreciate the father's anxiety to see her surrounded with every good influence possible. Anything that you can do to meet the wishes of this soldier father will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

H. H. Rennie

Sir Robert Falconer,
University of Toronto,
TORONTO.

C.E.F.

C/o Headquarters,
Canadian Forestry Corps,
52 District.

Dickson Hall,
Carlisle,
Cumberland, England.

Nov. 1st, 1917.

Hon. T. W. Lamont,
M.C.P.P.,

Dear Premier,-

I am writing a few lines asking if you will take up the following matter for me. My daughter Vera is attending University and is rooming at 366 Huron St. and having her meals in the Girls' Dining Hall affiliated with the University. The reason she is rooming at 366 Huron St. is on account of the Girls' Residences were all filled up. My daughter is not satisfied with her room on Huron St. as it is very noisy which hard for her to study and they only have gas in the house and I thought I would write you to see if you could arrange somehow for her to get a room in the Girls' Residences, or to select an other room for her where it would be comfortable and homely for her. She is all alone in Toronto. She does not know anybody and was writing me as if she will not be able to carry on and will have to return home on account of her being so lonesome. This is the first time she has been away and I ask of you to see what you can do and advise me and Mrs. Sargeant. I am writing Mrs. Sargeant by today's mail, telling her I have written to you and I am also writing a letter to Sir Robert Falconer to see if he could find room in the Girls' Residence for her. Dear Sir, I prefer for her to live and eat under the care of the University and I appeal to you strongly to see if you will arrange this kindly for her, and also to have a fatherly eye on her for me or kindly arrange this be done as you will know how lonesome it must be for her all alone in such a big city. I know how busy a person you are and I hated to write to you to worry you, and I know, on the other hand, that you will be pleased I have written to you, and that you will take action on my behalf. You could turn this matter over to Albert Grier to attend to as I know he will be only too glad to act. Kindly remember me to his people.

I really hope you are enjoying good health under this terrible strain of this terrible war, and let us hope that Providence will soon give us peace and victory so we can all return home and look after our family duties and business matters. Please remember me to Lady Lamont and family, hoping they are all well. I met your son Vernon in July in London before a medical board and was surprised to see him. He was just looking the best, more to say. Hope he has greatly improved since. I saw also before the same board at the same time but have greatly improved since then. Col. Smith, Major Campbell, Capt. J. Johnston wish to be remembered to you. They are all well. Trusting I am not asking too much of you in such busy times and that I will hear from you in reply as I am anxious to hear what has been done.

Yours very sincerely, W. Sargeant, Capt. C.E.F.

November 14th, 1917

Dear Sir William:

I have seen Miss Sargent as I had a letter from her father by the same mail that he wrote you. She is really not incomparable and has made friends partly through her association with the girls in the University College Union. However, she tells me that mainly for her reasons, first, the delicateness of her mother and second, her wish to take a specialist standing, she has decided to pass out after Christmas and not to return to the University until a year from now. In these circumstances she herself thinks and I agree with her that it would not be worth her while to change her mind. She seems to be in good health and as far as I can judge happy. I think therefore that her father need not worry and I have written to him to this effect.

Yours sincerely,

President.

Hon. Sir William Hearst, K.C.M.G.,

Premier of Ontario.

November 15th, 1917

My dear Sir William:

The Board of Governors of the University will meet to-morrow afternoon and will now take action. I was not sure as to whether you intended to have any further communication with the Board of Trustees of the Hospital, but now I understand the situation, and I hope that we will arrange everything satisfactorily.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

Hon. Sir William Hearst, K.C.M.G.,
Premier of Ontario.

Dear Mr. Premier:

On behalf of the Board of Governors I am asked to forward to you this resolution:

Moved by

Seconded by

That the Board of Governors record their grateful acknowledgment of the action of the Government, as announced by the Honourable the Premier of the Province, to set apart seventy-five thousand dollars to complete the endowment of one hundred thousand for purposes of research in connection with the Connaught Laboratories of the University of Toronto. The Governors are of opinion that as a result of this gift a great advance will be made in the control of disease and thereby in the improvement of the health of the people of the province, and also they believe that this grant will give a powerful impetus to research and to the application of science to the activities of the country which are found to constitute a large factor in our future progress.-

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March 5th, 1918

Hon. Sir William P. Pearet, K.C.M.G.,

Premier of Ontario.

Dear Sir William:

I have jotted down a few notes with regard to the necessity of maintaining German as one of the studies on the various curricula of the University.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

[March 1917-18]

With regard to the suggestion that German should be removed from all the curricula of the Universities in the Province of Ontario it may be observed:

(1) At matriculation German is optional and is taken only by a small percentage of the candidates, except in the case of those students in the Faculty of Arts who are proceeding to the honour courses in Modern Languages or in English and History with the Moderns option.

(2) In several of the scientific courses both in Arts and Applied Science, particularly such as involve the use of advanced Chemistry, German has a position by reason of the fact that a large number of the most recent researches made in Chemistry are to be found only in German scientific periodicals or books that are not or would not be translated.

In the Faculty of Medicine German is not compulsory, but German books must be placed upon the curricula for reference in several of the sciences unless the students are to be prevented from discovering for themselves some of the most recent developments in these sciences.

(3) The health of our people depends so much on advanced medicine and the wealth of our people so much upon our technical knowledge which must be abreast of everything that is going on in the world that it would be an act of folly for us as a people to cut ourselves off from learning through our experts the test that is to be discovered whether written in German or any other language.